

## Arizona Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size

Year	Number of Farms <sup>1/</sup>	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
2005	10,100	26,250	2,599
2006	10,000	26,100	2,610
2007	15,600	26,100	1,673
2008	15,600	26,100	1,673
2009	15,500	26,100	1,684

<sup>1/</sup> Farms on reservation land are accounted for individually beginning in 2007.

## United States Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size

Year	Number of Farms <sup>1/</sup>	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
2005	2,098,690	927,940	442
2006	2,088,790	925,790	443
2007	2,204,950	921,460	418
2008	2,200,100	919,910	418
2009	2,200,010	919,800	418

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## 2009 Number of Farms and Land in Farms Highlights

The number of farms in the United States in 2009 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2008. Total land in farms, at 919.8 million acres, decreased 110 thousand acres from 2008. The average farm size is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are broken down into five economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these "sales classes" by summing their sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, and \$500,000.

Farm numbers declined slightly in the \$10,000-\$99,999 and \$500,000 and over sales classes. Lower commodity prices and smaller value of sales contributed to changes in the number of farms within these sales classes. Farm numbers increased 0.5 percent, to 1.23 million farms, in the \$1,000 - \$9,999 sales class. Meanwhile, the number of farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class decreased by 1.0 percent to 124,720 farms.

Land in farms decreased in the smallest and largest sales classes. In the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class, land in farms dropped 1.1 percent, to 105.5 million acres. Land operated by farms in the \$500,000 & over in sales class decreased 1.0 percent, to 290.0 million acres. Land operated by farms with \$250,000-\$499,999 in sales increased by 4.1 percent.

The average farm size was unchanged in 2009. However, average farm sizes declined in some of the sales classes partially due to smaller farms moving up to higher sales classes.

This report also contains estimates of farm numbers and land in farms for Puerto Rico. The number of farms with sales of \$1,000 or more in Puerto Rico was 10,400 in 2009, down 800 farms from 2008. Land in farms, at 450,000 acres, is down 20,000 acres from the previous year. The average farm size in Puerto Rico in 2009 was estimated at 43 acres.